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Magnolia Public Schools

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday February 12, 2026 at 5:15 PM

Location
Home Office: 250 E. 1st Street, Suite 1500, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Board Members:
Mr. Mekan Muhammedov, Chair
Ms. Sandra Covarrubias, Vice-Chair
Dr. Umit Yapanel
Dr. Salih Dikbas
Ms. Diane Gonzalez
Mr. Serdar Orazov

Student Board Member:
Ms. Sofia Perez

CEO & Superintendent:
Mr. Alfredo Rubalcava

Directors Present
D. Gonzalez, M. Muhammedov, S. Covarrubias, S. Dikbas (remote), U. Yapanel

Directors Absent
S. Orazov

Guests Present
J. Lara

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Muhammedov called a meeting of the board of directors of Magnolia Public Schools to order on Thursday Feb 12, 2026 at 6:50 PM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Board, staff and guests conducted the pledge of allegiance.

C. Record Attendance and Guests

Refer to the attendance information recorded above. S. Perez, Student Board Member, was present.

D. Approval of Agenda

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
S. Perez, Student Board Member, gave her preferential opinion as a statement of yes for this item.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Muhammedov	Aye
S. Orazov	Absent
S. Covarrubias	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
S. Dikbas	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye

E. Public Comments

A. Kaplan, Principal at Magnolia Science Academy (MSA)-5, made a comment that the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) approved and granted MSA-5 charter renewal for 5-years. He thanked staff, Home Office, and the community for their support.

F. Announcements - CEO & Superintendent, Board, Student Board Member

A. Rubalcava, CEO & Superintendent, congratulated MSA-5 for the charter renewal.
G. Serce, Chief Academic Officer, thanked everyone who joined in on the 20th year celebration of MSA-San Diego. Founding staff attended who contributed greatly during

the first years of the school's existence. Richard Barrera, San Diego Unified School District Board President, was also in attendance as a keynote speaker.

G. Approval of Minutes from MPS Regular Board Meeting & MPS Board Retreat - January 24, 2026

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting & MPS Board Retreat on 01-24-26.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
S. Perez, Student Board Member, gave her preferential opinion as a statement of yes for this item.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

D. Gonzalez	Aye
S. Dikbas	Aye
S. Orazov	Absent
M. Muhammedov	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye

II. Consent Items

A. Approval of Charter School Annual Report to the Los Angeles County Office of Education for Magnolia Science Academy-1, 2, 3, and 5

S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve the Charter School Annual Report to the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) for Magnolia Science Academy (MSA)-1, 2, 3, and 5.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
S. Perez, Student Board Member, gave her preferential opinion as a statement of yes for this item.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

D. Gonzalez	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye
S. Orazov	Absent
S. Dikbas	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye

B. Approval of Revised 2025-26 Certification of Signatures Form and Resolution

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the revised 2025–26 Certification of Signatures Form for Charter School Funds Distribution Authorization, updating the authorized signatories for the remainder of the fiscal year. This revision will remain effective for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, and will supersede the version previously

approved in June 2025. This updated certification removes the former Chief Financial Officer and adds Cafer Turan as the Interim Chief Financial Officer, along with the CEO/Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, Chief Operations Officer, and MPS Governing Board Members.
M. Muhammedov seconded the motion.
S. Perez, Student Board Member, gave her preferential opinion as a statement of yes for this item.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
S. Orazov	Absent
S. Dikbas	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Aye

III. Closed Session

A. Public Announcement of Closed Session

M. Muhammedov, Board Chair, reported that the Board will be going into Closed Session to discuss the following: Public employee discipline/dismissal release, conference with legal counsel on anticipated litigation, and conference with real property negotiations and will report out.

B. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal Release (§ 54957)

Item was discussed in Closed Session.

C. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Item was discussed in Closed Session.

D. Conference with Real Property Negotiations (§ 54956.8)

Item was discussed in Closed Session.

E. Report Out of Closed Session

M. Muhammedov, reported in open session at 9:02pm that on all items in closed session, the Board took no action and directed staff to take next steps.

U. Yapanel moved the motion to go to Action Items first, following Information/Discussion Items starting with IVD: Data Presentation: Local Control Accountability Plans (LCAP) Mid-Year Update.

D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

S. Perez, Student Board Member, gave her preferential opinion as a statement of yes for this item.

J. Lara, took roll call vote:
M. Muhammedov - Aye
S. Covarrubias - Aye
U. Yapanel - Aye
S. Dikbas - Aye
D. Gonzalez - Aye

IV. Information/Discussion Items

A. Enrollment Update

B. Olivares, Chief Impact Officer, updated the Board on the enrollment work and monitoring progress on meeting enrollment targets at the school sites. She went over targets such as the budget driver target, first day of school target, and registration target which she detailed. She presented progress to date of current enrollment numbers, and schools that are off track and schools above the monthly application goals. Board Members questions were addressed by staff.

B. Average Daily Attendance (ADA) Update

There was not enough time to review this item due to loss of quorum.

C. Data Presentation: 2025-26 MPS Demographics

There was not enough time to review this item due to loss of quorum.

D. Data Presentation: Local Control Accountability Plans (LCAP) Mid-Year Update

As documented during the Reporting Out of Closed Session, this item was discussed first when transitioning to Information/Discsussion Items.

D. Yilmaz, Chief Accountability Officer, reported on the mid-year update progress on the LCAP. He stated that everything done at the schools are supporting the actions and goals on their LCAPs. To measure whether the schools are effective in implementing the actions there are a number of metrics, some required by the state and others which were locally developed. There are fifty-two (52) metrics on the LCAP. He added that staff updates their performance on the metrics on a quarterly basis, and they just closed quarter 2. Each school submitted their report which has their mid-year outcome data. Board Members questions was addressed by staff.

V. Action Items

A.

Approval of Revised MPS Board Officers

As documented during the Reporting Out of Closed Session, Board moved to review and take action on the Action Items first.

A. Rubalcava, CEO & Superintendent, stated that staff recommends the appointment of C. Turan as Interim Chief Financial Officer. He stated that this appointment is in compliance with Article X of the Magnolia Public Schools Bylaws, which states “The officers of this corporation shall be a President, a Secretary, and the Chief Financial Officer, who shall be known as the ‘Treasurer.’” This action is consistent with the vacancy provisions set forth in Article X and the Board of Directors general authority to appoint officers. This action reflects the Board’s responsibility to ensure required officer roles are actively designated and that financial authority and oversight are clearly established. All other Board appointments that were approved on June 26, 2025 will remain the same.
U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the appointment of Cafer Turan, Interim Chief Financial Officer, as the Acting Treasurer effective February 13, 2026, until a regular Chief Financial Officer is appointed, or the Board amends this decision, whichever occurs first.
M. Muhammedov seconded the motion.
S. Perez, Student Board Member, gave her preferential opinion as a statement of yes for this item.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Dikbas	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
S. Orazov	Absent
M. Muhammedov	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye

B. Approval of 2026-27 School Safety Plans for all Magnolia Public Schools

M. Wittek, Director of Student Services, reported that CDE compliance is to submit these plans by March 1st for the following school year. She reported that in accordance with CA EdCode, all public schools are mandated to establish a school safety plan. She added that the plans include all legal updates, emergency procedures and regulations as advised by legal counsel, and feedback from the Parent Advisory Committees at the school sites.

She went over updates that were legally mandated to include in the safety plans: 1) Each school site is required to have three goals that are related to their school site safety plan. It must include a goal related to the physical environment and a goal for the school social climate. They used SEL survey data to help them develop that goal. 2) Immigration Enforcement Notification Procedures was added. This is aligned with SB 98 particularly connected to the Safe Act passed in 2025 stating that this information must be included in

the safety plans and letting students, faculty, and staff know when a confirmed site of immigration enforcement activity occurs on or near the campus. 3) Procedures for Supervision and Protection of Children from Abuse, Neglect, and Sexual Offenses was added. In line with SB 848 which takes effect on July 2026. It requires inclusion in the safety plan of specific procedures for supervision of students to combat child abuse, neglect and sexual offenses. It is aligned with school employee misconduct and child safety regulations which went into affect January 1, 2026 and it expands CA child abuse prevention laws, mandatory training for all staff, more thorough hiring process to review statewide databases, and new policies on professional boundaries and student safety education.

S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve the 2026-27 School Safety Plans (SSP) for all Magnolia Public Schools: Magnolia Science Academy 1, Magnolia Science Academy 2, Magnolia Science Academy 3, Magnolia Science Academy 4, Magnolia Science Academy 5, Magnolia Science Academy 6, Magnolia Science Academy 7, Magnolia Science Academy Bell, Magnolia Science Academy Santa Ana, Magnolia Science Academy San Diego, Magnolia Science Academy Orange County - Anaheim, Magnolia Science Academy Orange County – Placentia Yorba Linds (PYL).

U. Yapanel seconded the motion.

S. Perez, Student Board Member, gave her preferential opinion as a statement of yes for this item.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

U. Yapanel	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye
S. Orazov	Absent
D. Gonzalez	Aye
S. Dikbas	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Aye

C. Approval of Revised Teacher Evaluation Protocol

D. Yilmaz, Chief Accountability Officer, reported that the revision to the teacher evaluation protocol is connected to the MPS 2030 Strategic Plan in which a core initiative is strengthening instructional quality across all campuses to a more intentional teacher observation and coaching model. He reported that staff previously shared with the Board on MPS partnership with inField to develop a new teacher observation rubric. The work was piloted at Magnolia Science Academy (MSA)- Santa Ana. Additionally, Home Office Instructional Support Team has lead systemwide trainings for principals, academic leads, student service leads and teachers, and conducting learning walks. The coaching model is now being implemented across all schools.

M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve the Revised Teacher Evaluation Protocol.

U. Yapanel seconded the motion.

S. Perez, Student Board Member, gave her preferential opinion as a statement of yes for this item.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Orazov	Absent
S. Covarrubias	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye
S. Dikbas	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye

D. Approval of California School Finance Authority (CSFA) Charter School Revenue Bonds (Magnolia Public Schools – Obligated Group – Issue No. 2), Series 2026A and Series 2026B (Taxable) and Adoption of Related Bond Resolutions (Magnolia Science Academy-5 Project)

E. Acar, Deputy Superintendent, reported on the continued work of the Magnolia Science Academy (MSA)-5 project for occupancy on August 2026. Board was updated on the budget schedules and scope of the project. He added that to complete the MSA-5 project, additional long-term financing is required beyond amounts already received under the CSFP and to be received under the Charter School Facilities Program (CSFP) as a final apportionment, and proceeds of the 2025 grant anticipation notes. Board questions were addressed by staff.

M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve the issuance by the California School Finance Authority ("CSFA") of its Charter School Revenue Bonds (Magnolia Public Schools – Obligated Group – Issue No. 2), Series 2026A and Series 2026B (Taxable) (collectively, the "Series 2026 Bonds"), authorize Magnolia Educational & Research Foundation ("MERF") to enter into and perform all related financing documents, and adopt the related resolutions approving the transactions to finance the Magnolia Science Academy-5 construction project.

D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

S. Perez, Student Board Member, gave her preferential opinion as a statement of yes for this item.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Covarrubias	Abstain
D. Gonzalez	Aye
S. Dikbas	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
S. Orazov	Absent

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Muhammedov